GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Energy Department – 800 MW OWK Pumped Storage Hydro Power Project – Poor progress in completion of DPR activities – Proposal of NREDCAP for cancellation of 800 MW OWK PSP Project of M/s. Auro Infra Pvt Ltd - Cancellation of 800 MW OWK PSP Project allotted to M/s. Auro Infra Pvt Ltd.- Orders – Issued.

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ENERGY (POWER.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No.52 Dated: 30-06-2025

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.18, Energy (Power. II) Department, Dt. 12.09.2022.
2. G.O.Ms.No.6, Energy (Power.II) Department, Dt.17.04.2023.
3. From the VC & Managing Director, New & Renewable Energy Development Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Ltd. (NREDCAP) vide Lr. No. NREDCAP/WE/PSP/OWK/4/2025, Dt.13.05.2025.

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O R D E R :-

In the reference 1st read above, Government have issued orders for allotment of 1600 MW PSP Project at Owk in Nandyal District (800MW) and Singanamala in Anathapuramu District (800 MW) to /s. Aurobindo Realty & Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, issued orders according approval to cover the already allotted PSP Projects including 800 MW Owk PSP Project under AP Pumped Storage Power Promotion Policy 2022 issued vide G.O.Ms.No.25, Energy (Power-II) Dept., Dt.20.12.2022.

3. In reference 3rd read above, the Vice-Chairman & Managing Director, New and Renewable Development Corporation of Andhra Pradesh (NREDCAP), has reported as follows:-

a) M/s. Aurobindo Infra Projects Private Limited company name has been changed from M/s. Aurobindo Reality & Infrastructure Private Limited to M/s. Auro Infra Private Limited.

b) NREDCAP have prepared the Feasibility Report for 800 MW Owk PSP project and Detailed Project Report is under final stages of completion and the works related to preparation of Feasibility Report and DPR was entrusted to M/s. WAPCOS Ltd, which is a Govt of India Enterprise and as a part of LoA issued to M/s. WAPCOS Ltd, the Survey and Investigations for the project were completed and the draft reports were submitted to CEA for approval the NREDCAP has also successfully undertaken Public Hearing for the Owk PSP project on 22.12.2023.

c) As per the provisions of the G.O.Ms.No.18, dated 12.09.2022 and G.O.Ms.No.25, dated 20.12.2022 (AP Pumped Storage Power

Promotion Policy 2022), the actual expenditure incurred by the NREDCAP in preparations of the DPRs and carrying out various field investigations for the PSP project and expenditure towards obtaining various clearances shall be reimbursed / paid by the developer and shall take over the responsibility of balance process of DPR preparation and obtaining clearances and therefore NREDCAP has incurred an amount of Rs.2,69,77,191/- towards preparation of Feasibility Report and DPR for 800 MW Owk PSP project.

d) The NREDCAP has raised the demand note vide letters dated 27.03.2023, 13.10.2023, 23.01.2024, 10.04.2024, 21.08.2024 and 01.04.2025 for release of pending payment towards expenditure incurred for preparation of Feasibility Report and Detailed Project Report for 800 MW Owk PSP and there is no response from M/s. Auro Infra Pvt. Ltd. against the demand note.

e) Due to non- payment of dues, certain investigations and tests as directed by the National Institute of Rock Mechanics (NIRM) and CSMRS could not be taken up, which results in delay in completion of DPR works and approval from the different Directorates are held up.

f) M/s. Auro Infra during the meeting held at NREDCAP, Head Office, Tadepalli on 25.04.2024 along with the representatives of M/s. WAPCOS Ltd., has agreed for the following:-

   i. M/s. Auro Infra has agreed to release of Rs.1.0 Cr. to NREDCAP within 15 days from the date of release of work order by M/s. WAPCOS on NIRM and CSMRS to enable NREDCAP to release the same amount to M/s. WAPCOS towards pending payments.

   ii. M/s. Auro Infra has also agreed to release 50% of the work order value (NIRM and CSMRS) within 15 days on mobilization of team and machinery at the site.

   iii. M/s. Auro Infra has also agreed to release payments which are already incurred by NREDCAP within four months in a phased manner and detailed schedule for release of payments will be communicated in weeks' time.

g) M/s. WAPCOS Ltd has released the work orders, the pending payments as agreed are not released by M/s. Auro Infra and further, during the review meeting held on 19.11.2024 by the CEA, M/s. Auro Infra has committed that the dues towards DPR expenses would be cleared by 30.11.2024.

h) Even after lapse of 5 months, M/s. Auro Infra Pvt. Ltd. has not cleared the dues and it was continuously reiterated to M/s. Auro Infra Pvt. Ltd. that the balance DPR activities could be taken up only if the pending dues are cleared.

i) CEA is also considering of delisting the Owk PSP project due to lack of progress in DPR preparation activities, as Owk PSP project is listed under the National Infrastructure Pipeline projects to be commissioned

before 2029-30 and the status of these projects are being monitored at PMO level.

j) NREDCAP vide its Show Cause Notice No. NREDCAP/ WE/PSP/ Owk/ 4/ 2025 dated 25.04.2025 issued to M/s. Auro Infra Pvt. Ltd. seeking explanation by 12.05.2025 for abnormal delays in making payment towards expenses incurred by NREDCAP in preparation of Feasibility Report & DPR and not progressing in preparation of DPR works and show the reasons why the 800 MW Owk PSP capacity allotment should not be cancelled and however, no response has been received from M/s. Auro Infra Pvt. Ltd. within the stipulated time i.e., by 12.05.2025.

4. While stating the above, the VC & MD, NREDCAP has proposed that considering the abnormal delay in release of pending payments and completion of DPR activities, the Government may consider to cancel 800 MW Owk PSP capacity project allotment accorded in Nandyal District to M/s Auro Infra Pvt Ltd (formerly M/s. Aurobindo Realty & Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd).

5. Government after careful examination of the entire issue and as proposed by the VC & MD, NREDCAP, have decided and hereby ordered to cancel 800 MW Owk PSP capacity project allotment accorded in Nandyal District to M/s. Auro Infra Pvt Ltd (formerly M/s. Aurobindo Realty & Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd), since there is abnormal delay in release of pending payments and completion of DPR activities.

6. The Vice Chairman & Managing Director, New and Renewable Energy Development Corporation of Andhra Pradesh, Tadepalli shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

K.VIJAYANAND
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To,

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The Vice Chairman & Managing Director, New & Renewable Energy Development Corporation Andhra Pradesh, Tadepalli.

The Chairman & Managing Director, APTRANSCO, Vidyuth Soudha, Vijayawada.

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration & Special Chief Secretary, APIIC Towers, Mangalagiri.

The Special Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

The Special Chief Secretary to Government, Finance Department.

The Special Chief Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department.

The Special Chief Secretary to Government, Water Resources Department.

The Special Chief Secretary to Government, EFS&T Department.

The Collector & District Magistrate, Nandyal District.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, GoAP, P.V.S. Land Mark, Near APIIC Towers Mangalagiri, Guntur District.

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The Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Department, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner of Industries Department, Vijayawada.
The Managing Director, APGENCO, Gunadala, Vijayawada.
The Chairman & Managing Director, APSPDCL, Tirupathi.
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